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Downpour hits campus then quickly dries up

A thundering downpour hurled down less than an inch of rain Tuesday, bringing diversion to bored students attending first classes of the semester.

The thunderstorms that began with an ominous boom last Tuesday turned out to be not-so-ominous for us as far as flooding and accidents went in Bridgeport and at the University.

According to Ward Colbree, a city policeman, accidents on city streets that may have been caused by the rains were "minor." In addition, he said, resulting flooding was "nothing really, the kind that dissipates as soon as the storm is over."

A walk around University streets at 6 p.m. that day, some two hours after the storm struck, showed for the most part scattered puddles and slicked autumn leaves on sidewalks.

There was a standing pool of about 6 inches of water that floods one-quarter of the Linden Avenue and Lafayette Street

intersection after many rainstorms. Cars were driving gingerly through it. Warner Hall residents' cars, parked near the crossing sat in the puddle.

By that time, students were braving the outdoors without umbrellas. Some joggers and students riding in open convertibles began to come out.

The storm dropped only about .92 inches of rain on the city as of 6:15 p.m. that day, according to Ron Scantlebury of the National Weather Service in Stratford. Highest wind gusts during the storm were up to 31 miles per hour, he said.

Temperatures dropped that day from a high of 84 degrees to a low of 68 degrees.

The forecast for today he reported, called for partly sunny skies with high temperatures in the 70s.

Weather for the rest of the week indicated a trend of clearing with cooler temperatures.

Negotiations continue with AAUP

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New journalism chairman is second in 25 years

The Journalism Department is beginning this semester with a new chairman.

Eugene Lichtenstein, formerly an editor and writer for The New York Times and staff writer for such magazines as The London Economist, will be replacing Howard Boone Jacobson, who resigned last spring after holding the chairman's seat for 24 years.

Lichtenstein, 48, has had

extensive editing experience. He was senior editor for the Houghton Mifflin Publishing Co. and fiction and features editor for Esquire Magazine. He was a producer and executive producer for National Educational Television, and the television producer for the 1968 presidential campaign of Robert Kennedy.

An adjunct professor at Boston University, he taught

courses there ranging from television, public affairs and magazine journalism to organizational development.

Unlike his predecessor, the new chairman will be working here on a part-time basis. He is to be at the University only on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Presently the editor-in-chief of the Journal of the North

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Norwalk teachers teaching Bridgeport teachers jailed

Norwalk teachers ratified a contract and returned to teaching while Bridgeport teachers remained on strike and were tossed in jail this week.

Norwalk Federation of Teachers Sunday accepted a three-year contract with pay hikes of 6.6 percent the first year, 6.7 percent the second and 7.4 percent the third. The 933 striking Norwalk teachers were docked two days' pay for their four-day strike.

All teachers picketing in Bridgeport were expected to be put in jail if they remained away

from classes after appearing in court.

Tuesday, leaders of the Bridgeport Education Association were cited with contempt of court and ordered to jail, each fined \$350 per day and the union fined \$10,000 per day.

Superior Court Judge James F. Henebry said the 13 teachers who make up the BEA executive committee were in "flagrant and outright defiance" of his injunction order, "particularly after a time of reprieve was granted to assist in the negotiations."

Henebry postponed his contempt hearing Monday morning until later that afternoon to allow another chance for negotiators to settle the strike. He also asked Superior Court Judge Burton J. Jacobson to aid in the talks.

Jacobson helped the Norwalk teachers and school officials form a contract.

Henebry was expected to speak with 175 striking Bridgeport teachers Wednesday and 175 today, asking them if they would return to work. He was expected to jail and fine those who remained on strike.

Campus chaplain speaking about silence



The Rev. Gerald Devore

By LAURA CONSIGLIO

The Rev. Gerald Devore, Newman Center chaplain, recently returned from a Sabbatical that included visits to several countries and adherence to a religious practice requiring 30 days of silence.

The silence was in place of prayer, said Devore. He spent this time in Loyala, a retreat house in Guleph, Ontario.

Maintaining complete silence "was probably the most painful and the most graceful. I had time to touch parts of my life I wouldn't have otherwise," Devore said.

"I spent a lot of time in reflection of the scriptures and contemplation of prayer." The meals, he said, were the most awkward times and often the most humorous. He characterized the overall experience as "very powerful."

Another aspect of the sabbatical consisted of taking a full course load in the disciplines of theology at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. From there he traveled to

Israel, arriving amidst the Palestine Liberation Organization invasion of the Israeli coast during March and spending time in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. He then spent five days in Greece and 10 days in Italy.

Devore also participated in a "Christian Living" program while in Canada. Here he "lived with the community in prayer and daily routine." The purpose was to live among other Christians and experience their lifestyles. The community consisted of 60 staff members and about 75 visitors at a time, usually young people.

Devore finds his job as campus minister very rewarding.

"I love helping men and women who are establishing their own values, grasping who they are now, and where they want to go. It is a very enjoyable place to be." This year he will be conducting "Genesis II," a program in spirituality, in addition to celebrating Mass and counseling.

Salary, job topics block progress

Serious contract issues, including those on salary and job security, block successful negotiations between faculty and administrators with just one week remaining to avert a faculty strike.

Although the two key issues have not been discussed since last month, an apparently good atmosphere reigns over the talks.

The American Association of University Professors and the administration agreed on Aug. 31 to a three-week continuance of the 1975 contract.

The AAUP membership authorized its negotiators to strike if an agreement is not reached by Sept. 21.

Federal Mediator Hezekiah Brown, called in during 1975 when the previous contract was in dispute, has continued to meet with both sides since mid-August.

AAUP and administrative negotiators were with Brown negotiating at the Student Center Monday and Wednesday.

"The AAUP has been offering a number of proposals that are somewhat modified from our

original proposal," according to Justus van der Kroef, AAUP spokesman. "We have adopted some of the administration's wording in some of the proposals, he added.

"I remain hopeful (that a contract will be formed by Sept. 21), but in all candor, I doubt we can," van der Kroef said.

The administration is "hopeful time remains that a contract agreement can be reached," according to Harry Rowell Jr., administrative spokesman.

Rowell said negotiations are

normal now because contract items are being talked about instead of items the administration refused to put into a labor contract.

Some items in the contract are "continuing obstacles," van der Kroef said. He listed problem areas as the Past Practices clause, money issues, layoff and termination procedures and an administrative rights proposal.

The Past Practices clause is included in the current contract, but the administration has

eliminated it from its proposed contract.

This clause gives faculty the benefit of traditional practices at the University.

Rowell said it is too vague.

Van der Kroef said it is a way of assuring that faculty traditions, such as marching in regalia during convocation, will continue although they are not specified in the contract.

On money matters, the AAUP is asking for a 12 percent salary hike and the administration is offering 3, 4 and 5 percent for full professors, associate professors and assistants or instructors, respectively.

The administrative rights proposal gives the administration authority to manage the University, its programs, calendar, class schedules and assignment of faculty and other employees.

New J-Dept. chairman

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Shore, Lichtenstein holds a bachelor's degree from The New School for Social Research and a master's degree in political science from Columbia University. He is also a licensed clinical psychologist in Massachusetts.

The new chairman also served on the Education and Labor Committee of the United States Congress from 1960 to 1962.

Learn modern dance

The Dance Club is offering classes in modern dance technique. They will be held in two sections. One will be Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. and the other will be held Thursday at an undecided time. The class is open to anyone who has previous experience in dancing. For more information, call Arnold College at Ext. 4736 or 4735.

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Head selection out of line

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It's a shame that the dean couldn't see fit to include any student input in the summer-long selection process. The Scribe has contacted the dean to offer students for the selection committee but we never got a response. Nor were any other student leaders contacted to serve on the committee.

Why did the dean spurn student input in the selection of a person that will have to deal directly with the students' needs? Is he in fact trying to slip in a person that is not qualified to hold the position?

During the course of the summer it was announced that the committee had interviewed a person that would fill the needs of the growing Journalism Department, but this person turned down the position after receiving some "negative input" about the University.

So Eugene Lichtenstein is in fact the second choice for the position. Was he the only one left?

We do not condemn the choice of Mr. Lichtenstein. In fact, we wish him the very best of luck. He may need it being here only three days a week.

We condemn the secrecy used in his selection and those that chose to use it.

Get involved Gary Moroni

Student Council President Gary Moroni is willing to take a back seat during the next critical week in negotiations between the American Association of University Professors and the administration.

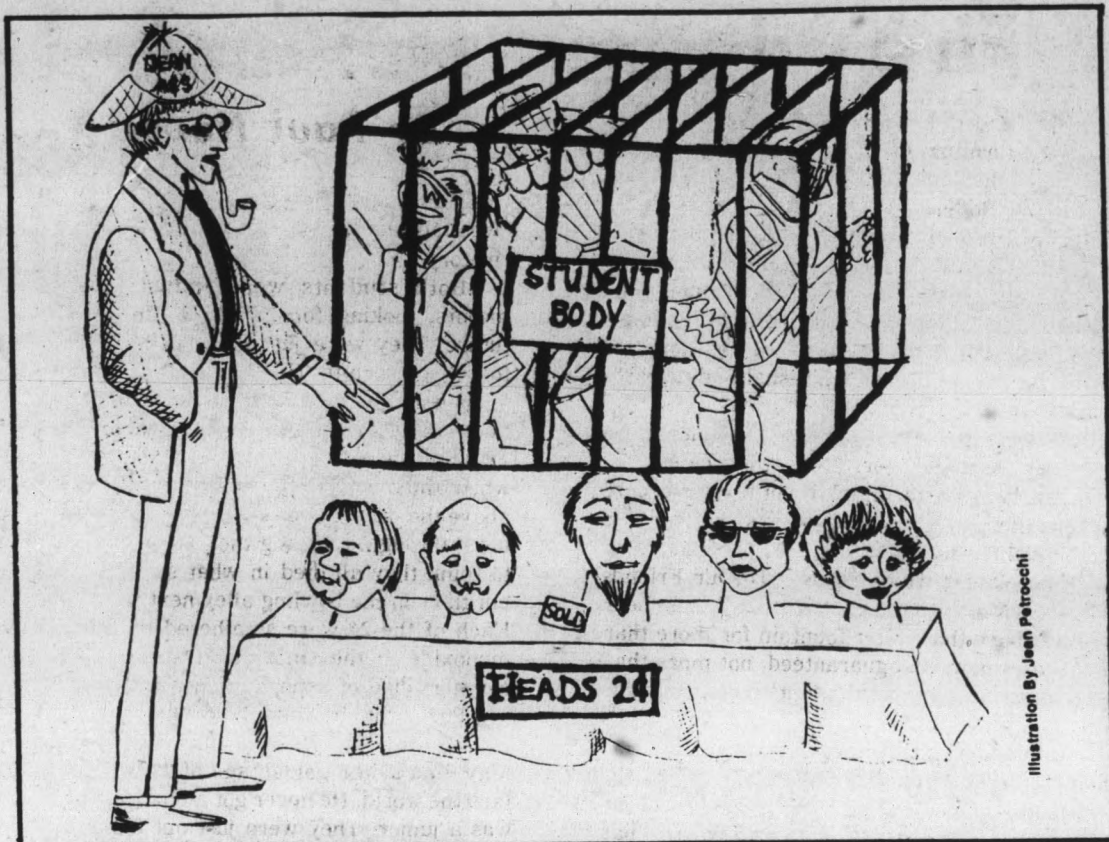
Just seven days are left until the faculty claims it will make good its strike threat. Negotiations are moving too slowly for any hope of creating a contract within the next week, but Moroni said he will ask to become involved in negotiations if there is a strike.

Well why wait? Get to the table student leader. We are paying for everyone's salaries whether there is a strike or not, and we should be part of the give-and-take process that funnels the money.

Besides, since negotiations have been continuing in a friendly manner, with Federal Mediator Hezekiah Brown assisting, we believe the faculty and administrators should create another extension and try to pick up the pace of the talks.

Talks under a strike situation strain everybody's brain.

Gary get involved and let's keep the talks going, even if it takes a few more weeks.



If at 1st you don't succeed, just give up and go home

By Dan Tepfer

Is there anything more discouraging than the first week of classes? You start out so optimistic but by the end of the week you are looking for a nice deep hole to crawl into.

Owing to my incredible abilities at juggling a schedule, my first class began on Monday. I was so enthusiastic and "psyched" about going to this first class of the year that I ended up oversleeping and missing it by an hour. Undaunted, I began to prepare myself for my next class.

I opened my closet and sifted through my clothes. But it all looked very drab. Surely this wasn't the new wardrobe I had selected for school. Somehow I had pictured myself clad in some super chic apparel, walking down University Avenue with every eye focused on me. With the stuff I had in my closet, the eyes looking at me would be attached to the recruiter for the Barnum and Bailey Circus.

Somehow I managed to get dressed and get to campus. It was equally amazing that I was 15 minutes early for class. I strolled in, gave a quick glance around the room and then settled down to the serious business of checking out the girls in the class.

Did you ever notice that on the first day of class all the "tough" looking guys get to class early and sit in the last row? From there you get a perfect view of all the girls.

Ever notice how the really pretty girls always come in late? It's just like a fashion show, the elegant gentlemen attired in blue jeans and printed T-shirts and the graceful models parading through the classroom door.

I settled back in a chair located in the center of the room. I was in no mood to buy today. I then patiently awaited the presence of the professor.

At last he arrived. He set his things down on his desk and scanned the class. Then he picked up the class list and read off the names. There was a Killowan, a Lillowan, even a Zillowan, but my name was not among them. And when I made mention of this fact, the professor politely told me to leave the class. I protested but to no avail. Seems the computer decided I was not meant for this class. But I'll get my revenge. Next semester I will sign up for computer programming.

Slightly ruffled, I tried pulling myself together. After all, I still had one more class to go to.

My last class for the day was at 7 p.m. That meant I had to hang around campus for three

and half hours. I first hung around the corner of University and Myrtle avenues. Then I tried Park and University avenues. But I just wasn't getting anywhere. I thought that loitering might help me absorb the college atmosphere, but all I got was a snoot full of car exhaust.

Slowly the hands of time move, and eventually the time to go to class arrived. At about 6:50 I decided to leave my spot in front of the Student Center. I would have left it earlier but people kept dropping coins in my hands.

I took a leisurely walk towards Dana Hall where my class was located. I was in no hurry this time. The class I was going to deal with the suburban culture so I figured everyone would be fashionably late.

I entered at 7:05. I casually strolled in and was abruptly confronted by a room full of Georgian peach growers.

"Is this Suburban Life Standards 302," I asked rather meekly.

"No," they drawled in unison. "This is Southern Agricultural Byproducts 334."

It seemed I had gotten the wrong room number. So I raced to a phone and called the information line.

"I'm sorry we do not carry that information,"

In desperation I grabbed the first suburban-type person that walked by. "Tell me where Suburban Life Standards 302 is being held," I demanded. Terrified, he informed me of the room location on the second floor.

I raced up the stairs, practically flew down the hall and flung myself through the door of the room. If this entrance didn't get them nothing would.

But as I slid across the floor I noticed that the room was empty. And there, in white chalk on the blackboard was written: "Suburban Life Standards 302 has been canceled due to lack of interest."

That was it, my day was ruined, and a great entrance had been wasted.

My heart heavy with remorse, I slunk down the hall, retreating with all odds against me. I had tried to live the life of a student but failed miserably. Drowning in my own depression, I began to dig my own grave, mentally. But then, a little spark permeated the gloom of my depression and a glow of hope began warming me.

"Hey! There's always tomorrow," I shouted to the wind. Then I got into my car and turned the key. And as I backed out of the parking space, the wheels fell off.

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Fire victims remembered in plaque

By Paul Neuwirth

Surrounded by new paint, plush, plastic smelling furniture, and new soon-to-be stained carpeting, lies one small reminder which links the NEW Bodine Hall, still shining from its refurbishing, with a grim tale of the past.

If four years ago can be called the past, then a small, seemingly unnoticeable plaque, tarnishing and fading into wall, might be Bodine's only reminder of the years gone by. But this reminder is not filled with the usual Bodine party atmosphere.

Hidden in a drinking fountain alcove on Bodine's seventh floor, sometimes called 7th Heaven, hangs a harmless, if not useless bronze plaque that, to many of the new occupants, is both meaningless in use and useless in meaning.

The plaque, which reads, "To Our Friends Mike McManus and Al Blazinski," has been sitting above that water fountain for more than four years now, and guaranteed, not more than 50 persons have inquired into its meaning in the last two years.

Its history might have been forgotten too, had it not been for a small trial held in the Westchester Country Court House last week. The case, State of New York vs. Peter Leonard, has relived the nightmare of June 29, 1974 when 24 young people, all between the ages of 18 and 26, perished in the Gulliver's Discotheque fire.

McManus and Blazinski were two of those 24. It was labeled "the worst disaster in Westchester history."

Both students were Industrial Design majors, looking forward to a fine career, a future. They were just two "of the guys," fun loving, average University of Bridgeport students. They, like Thomas Burke of Stratford, Susan Zizzi of Stamford, Janet Haehl of Westport and Eugene O'Connell, also of Stamford, died when thick smoke gathered in an airspace above the discotheque's dance floor ceiling, and burst through, trapping the young patrons. And to think they all died in what started out as a burglary in the bowling alley next to Gulliver's. Each of the 24 were smothered by the carbon monoxide in the smoke and according to the coroner, died of asphyxiation.

That was in 1974. And that plaque still remains. McManus had just graduated that May, and at the golden age of 23 was ready to face the world. He never got a chance. Blazinski was a junior. They were just out for the night, nothing special, like any old trip to "The Pub." Neither of them were any different from you and I. Many of the patrons at Gulliver's that night

had gone there because the local hotspots in Westport were "just too crowded."

So that small bronze, now tarnished plaque, seen by only those on the seventh heaven who wish to quench their thirst, remains. There was no great dedication ceremony at the time—just the guys, the friends of the two.

The parents of the boys took out what remained of the victim's Connecticut checking accounts. Something like \$20 between the two and a party was thrown in their honor. No one was in the mood to party, but "they" would have wanted it that way. So a plaque, a small bronze plaque was hung over a water fountain, bought in their memory. And people cried.

Peter Leonard, unknown to us all, also cried. And again he cried last week. Leonard, turning his head away from the 10 men and 10 women who had just sent him back to jail, had been convicted and sentenced in 1974 for 15 years to life, but that sentence was overturned early this year. He had to go through it all again.

The judge rang out 28 calls of "guilty," and Leonard, the people present in the courtroom and all the relatives of the victims heard and felt each call.

His shoulders sagged after the first "guilty." His hand went to his mouth on the second and he was crying by the third. So were the parents, the audience, and the related.

Twenty-four counts of felony murder, one of arson, one of burglary and two of petit larceny stemmed from that 1974 Port Chester disco fire. There was little joy in the courtroom. And today, there is little joy surrounding that unknown, and sometimes unseen plaque.

Paul Neuwirth is senator for the College of Arts and Sciences.

Food draws adjectives By Mike Haber

Join THE SCRIBE'S new sweepstakes. You may have won already. All you have to do is characterize, in a single word or phrase, what the food in the Student Center Cafeteria tastes like.

Please be advised that the following words are not adequately expressive of the experience: repulsive, horrendous, frightening, rancid, raunchy, horrible, and fertilizer, or dung.

Let me explain how the sweepstakes started. Wednesday, I stopped briefly in the Student Center Cafeteria to catch a quick bite. You know, a hamburger and french fries.

When I unwrapped my lukewarm hamburger from its protective aluminum wrapper, I saw what appeared, at first, to be a typical hamburger.

When I tasted it, however, things started spinning, going

around and around and then darkness. "What happened?" I asked a good samaritan who stopped to help me up after I came to.

"You must have been indulging in the gastronomic delight known as the hamburger," he said sarcastically. "You're the sixth one today."

"What did it taste like," he asked me.

Now I should point out that I am a senior journalism major. Since I first entered the North Hall newsroom, I have been taught to distinguish between fine shades of meaning, to characterize a thought, feeling or impulse, with meticulous accuracy.

"What did it taste like," he asked again. No word seems to do it justice. Were I to tell you that I have never tasted anything like it, you would think I was being sarcastic. I am not.

I can't think of a single word that would express the sickly feeling, or the horror or fear that I experienced when I bit into that hamburger.

I do not know what ingredients it is composed of, but I am quite certain I have never tasted it before.

Let me tell you a little more about my journalistic training. The term "libel" has been stressed continually since I was a freshman. Libel, simply stated, is written defamation.

I am sure, however, that were I to tell you that the food is awful beyond compare, it would not be libel. Were I to tell you that that food is an insult to all living creatures, it would not be libel.

So, we are back to the sweepstakes. Anyone who thinks he or she can accurately characterize the taste of the food, in a single word or phrase, please contact the Scribe office.

(Mike Haber is a Scribe news editor.)

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Dear Editor:

A number of students have asked me to help clarify issues presently being negotiated between AAUP and administration.

I told them that I felt I could not properly present in a fair manner both positions.

involved in the outcome of current negotiations and ought to have the benefit of learning what each side seeks, and why. May I suggest to student leaders that a debate be called for in

which students could not only learn what each side seeks in their contract talks but might also have the opportunity to ask questions of representatives

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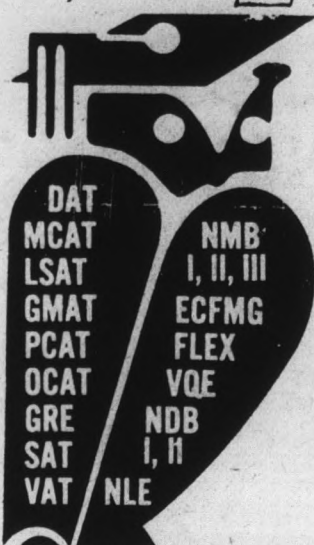
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one potential change in public relations policy here would be to focus on the nationwide press.

Mary Ann Cameron, the director, would not commit herself to any definite changes until the Master Plan is released this fall. The plan is a five-year long-range one that is to change the University structure, eliminate several academic

departments and establish a core curriculum.

"I won't make any suggestions until I see what the president has in mind (in the administrative restructuring plan)," she said.

"I would think, though, that some of the most important changes would be for us to make more of an impact in the

national press," she added.

Cameron was appointed to head the office following the resignation of Arthur Greenfield. She had served under him as associate director earlier.

Greenfield resigned early this summer after serving as director for two years. He indicated that he did not leave for another job, and that he is considering going into business.

"I have the greatest esteem and admiration for the University of Bridgeport," he told The Scribe recently. "I enjoyed my two years here and I feel I made a contribution."

Currently Cameron and her staff of six are busy producing news releases, the University's weekly bulletins and the undergraduate and graduate catalogs, she said.

John Cox, vice president for university relations, said, "I don't anticipate any changes (in public relations policy)."

Day care shelved

The laughing children and playful commotion that was part of the Barnum Day Care Center has ceased with the recent closing of the center.

According to Karen Jolson, the coordinator between the department of continuing education and the center for one and one-half years, the center departed mainly because there was "no funding available and also the demand was not large enough."

Jolson said the University gave minimal support, the center was strictly organized by the students.

Henry Heneghan Jr., dean of University planning was unavailable for comment due to collective bargaining.

Another cause for the center's departure was its location in Barnum Hall's lounge. The students improved their lounge and voted the center out, said Jolson. But she also noted that she could not blame the students for wanting their own lounge. "They did an outstanding job. I'm sorry that the University chose to stop it. But I can see why."

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news briefs

Office needs part-time students to write

The director of part-time student services is seeking part-time students to write articles about their peers for publication in the Scribe.

According to Fern Grayer, the new director, the work will be done articles will focus on upcoming events for part-timers here also. Those interested should contact her at the Student Center, Rm. 229, or at Ext. 4361.

Part-timers to form council

Part-time students here who would be interested in filling leadership positions for a part-time student council, can apply to the director of part-time student services. Openings for president, vice president, recording and corresponding secretary are available. Contact Fern Grayer, director of the office, at the Student Center, Rm. 229 or at Ext. 4361.

Awards offered in business competition

Two \$1,000 grants will be awarded to the winners of this year's Philip Morris Marketing-Communications Competition for College Students.

Entrants should formulate a business project dealing with any aspect of marketing-communications related to Philip Morris Inc., or any of its non-tobacco operating companies or projects.

Student chapters of professional societies, regular classes or ad hoc committees of no less than five students at the undergraduate level and of no less than two at the graduate level under the counsel of full-time faculty members may submit proposals.

The \$1,000 awards will be given to the winners in both the undergraduate and graduate categories. Runners-up in each section will receive \$500 awards.

For additional information, contact Marketing-Communications Competition, Philip Morris Inc, 100 Park Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017.

Gems to shine at show

Dr. John Nicholas, a geology professor, will present a lecture and slide program based on his experiences in Hawaii during a geological study at the University's Second Annual Gem and Mineral Show on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.

The show features 12 gem-mineral and jewelry dealers from the surrounding area. Leading authorities on gems and minerals will speak at the show which takes place in the Student Center Social Room.

Experience Appalachia

"Experience Appalachia" is the fourth annual crafts fair sponsored by Appalachian Volunteers of Darien. This show will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Oct. 7 and 8 in the Fairfield University gymnasium. Handmade articles will be sold and craft demonstrations will take place.

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Emergency course set

A course in emergency medical training will be taught here beginning Monday. The course, which will meet twice weekly for three hours each class, is designed to train persons to work in the Emergency Medical Service.

Certification as an emergency medical technician is crucial for ambulance personnel, policemen, firemen, nurses, physical education teachers, scout leaders and rescue units.

For more information, call the College of Health Sciences at Ext. 4668 or 4335.

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Thank God It's Friday! That's the place to be this Friday when the first TGIF party of the semester begins with live entertainment. There will be free munchies and 20 different kinds of mixed drinks and Heineken beer for only 75 cents each. TGIF takes place in the Student Center Faculty Lounge from 3 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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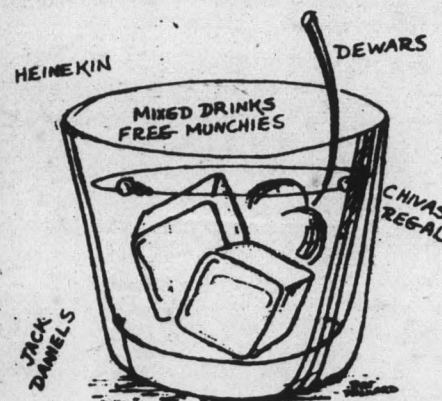
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The soccer knights opened its 1978 schedule last night against UConn at Kennedy Stadium.

(Staff photos by Dave Stanley)

The Vinny Marro Story Baseball, Challenges and tollbooths

By CLIFF COADY

I decided it would be a waste of time to write down questions in advance for an interview with assistant baseball coach Vinny Marro. I mean, the last time I interviewed him, I had 15 questions written out, but when I asked him the first one, he talked on and on, for hours that seemed like days. When he was through, he answered all 15 and said, "Next one."

Driving in a car

that wasn't his, Vinny pulled up in front of the gym smiling his perpetual smile. "Am I on time?" he asked, dressed in shorts, a baseball shirt and cap.

Later, while trying to find a place to park, he started talking about the fall baseball team which he, along with captain Don Pouliot, Charlie Dunbar and Joe Dombrowski, is heading.

"I started it two years ago," he said, "it seemed like everyone wanted to play but there was no organized program. This is the third year of existence for it and we have progressed. The emphasis is not on winning, (the team hasn't won a game yet) but it gives us an early look at the players."

After coaching in different

baseball leagues throughout Connecticut, Marro came here

two Septembers ago when the baseball team found itself needing an assistant coach.

"When Fran Bacon offered me the job, I jumped at the chance," Marro said. "After coaching for around ten years in leagues, I wanted a chance to coach at a college. I never went to college so I never was able to get a degree. I like coaching players at college level."

"I first met Bacon two years ago when he was coaching me in the Bridgeport City League. We had players like Vito (Savo), Phil Nastu and Nick Giaquinto. We hit it off and it was good. I was playing center field (Marro was 37 at the time) and he knew I knew a lot about baseball."

Vinny parked

his car

in a no-parking zone in front of security and walked to the Student Center for a coke.

Since the first day he stepped on campus, Vinny has been making friends with everyone he meets. As a coach, his rapport with the players had been very close and genuine.

"I have liked the last two years here," he said. "I made friends and I would have to say it's been a challenge. I've made friends with the ballplayers, good friends, but maybe that could be a fault. Some people think that I might play the wrong people being so close to some of them, but I can't. I always try to put the best players on the field."

By now, it's no secret

that Vinny isn't well-paid. "Vinny's the only guy I know who cashes his paycheck at a tollbooth," Bacon once joked. But Marro doesn't care anymore.

"Everybody knows I don't make much," Marro, who had to get a part-time sales job to make ends meet, said. "But when I took the job I also knew that I'm doing what I want. I'm doing something I love. How many other guys my age can say that?"

Next Week
Soccer Knights
Lady Knights
Cliff Cuseo

New Volleyball Coach For New Season

After just two days of practice, Cindy Laughlin, the new women's volleyball coach, was speaking of the new challenge that awaits her when the new season begins Wednesday.

"Being a new coach on an up-and-coming volleyball team is the challenge that I am facing," Laughlin, a 1977 graduate of Southern Connecticut State College, said in her office Tuesday night. "It's a challenge to coach a team that is playing in a higher level. I like it."

Replacing Gale Lackey, who took head coaching positions in field hockey and lacross at Wesleyan, Laughlin takes over a team that finished 7-7 last year. Last year, Laughlin was an assistant coach at Southern.

"I've been playing volleyball for 10 years," she said. "I just kept on playing and playing. I guess I really love the sport."

"What I have seen from the team so far, we are looking good. We will give everyone a run for their money."

Only Winning Creates Optimism

"Great possibilities," Barbara Dunstan said, "there are a lot of great possibilities for this season."

Dunstan's pre-season optimism is well-founded. Last season, not many people could have predicted a winning year for the field hockey team mostly because the squad was young and inexperienced. But after early-season mediocrity, the squad rallied to a 6-3-4 record. It was the first winning season a women's field hockey team has seen in several.

And this season, the roster can almost be read exactly like last year's. Only one loss, goalie Rose Weisse, could hurt the squad.

The team's field hockey strength lies in its speed.

"Our forward line is quick, it's very fast," Dunstan said. "We have a lot of new people who are very quick also."

"But what we're going to have to work on is our endurance because it was a problem sometimes for us last year. But we will be better in that this year because the players are one year older and they know what to expect."

"And our attitude is very good. Everyone is working real hard. We're going to be ready."

The Lady Knights open against Western Conn. State College

Hocker: New Sport on the block

Ready for a new sport?

The University of Bridgeport, in affiliation with the Intramural Department, is attempting to organize a hocker team which will participate in an area league starting soon.

Hocker, a fast-growing sport on the west coast, is a combination of hockey and soccer. Thousands of colleges and high schools have adapted to the

sport.

"You don't have to have any knowledge in the sport," Charlie Dunbar, who is heading the campaign for hocker here, said. "Transportation, equipment and everything will be supplied. There is no charge and it will only be held on the weekends."

For more information, contact the intramural office in the gym at Ext. 4797.

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STORIES

"You have to try and always be positive. I mean, you can write anything negative about me, I won't care. But you can't write anything about the players. Because they only do their best."

Coach Fran Bacon

"You can't step on too many toes in the gym. People can be pretty sensitive about things. Anyway, why write negative stories?" Vinny Marro, assistant baseball coach.



"I guess you can write anything you want, it's a free paper. But sometimes there is no need for negative stories. Too many people get hurt." Fran Poisson, men's athletic director.

"Every winter I have to drink a quart of anti-freeze so my elbow doesn't get rusty." Vinny Marro, talking about the pin holding his elbow together after two operations.